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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 980,000 head as of June 1, 2009. The latest inventory is down 3 percent from the May 1, 2009 inventory, but up 7 percent from the 920,000 on feed on June 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 145,000 head of fed cattle during May 2009. This was down 12 percent from April 2009 marketings and 15 percent above May marketings one year earlier. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, down 7 percent from April 2009 placements and also down 7 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in May, 18 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 32 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 32 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May was estimated at 25,000 head, up 10,000 head from April and up 15,000 from May 2008.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on June 1, 2009. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.64 million, 14 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.54 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of May since the series began in 1996. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 433,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.95 million, 9 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during May, 26 percent above 2008.